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Zoning Map Format Amendment

WHEREAS, Section 60.303 of the zoning code provides that "[t]he city is divided into various zoning districts as shown on maps entitled "Zoning Map of Saint Paul" " and incorporates these maps into the code; and

WHEREAS, the format of these maps has been 44 panels that divide the city into sections, with the original of each panel a 100 scale transparency that must be changed by hand and then reproduced and printed, often at a reduced scale, which is time consuming and sometimes gives rise to inconsistencies due to panel areas overlapping; and

WHEREAS, newer technology, namely geographic information systems (GIS) based mapping, is now available that can increase map legibility, expedite updates, increase precision, and allow for easier analysis; and

WHEREAS, switching to GIS-based mapping has become standard practice for planning departments nationwide; and

WHERAS, Article VIII, Section 61.800 (a) of the zoning code provides that "[t]he planning commission may, from time to time, review district boundary lines to determine if, pursuant to state laws, such district boundary lines should be changed;" and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 61.800(b) provides for planning commission initiation of zoning code amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under provisions of Section 61.801(b) of the Legislative Code, that the Planning Commission initiates a zoning study to consider amendments to the zoning code regarding the official "Zoning Map of Saint Paul" and to recommend to the City Council adopting a GIS-based map.

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seconded by	
in favor	
against	